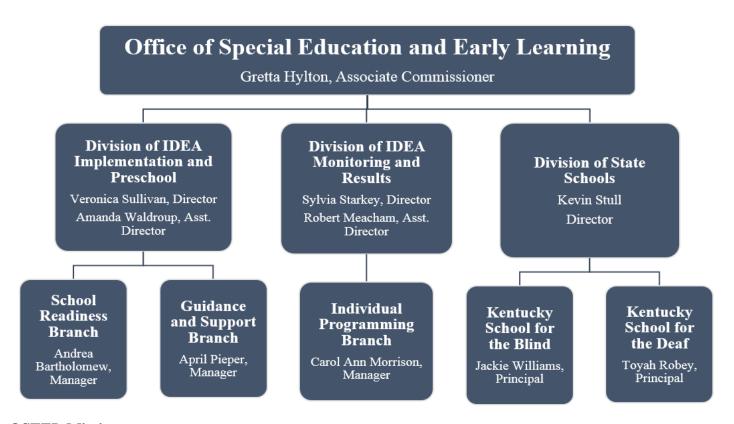


Critical Fact Sheet

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Overview/Background:

The Office of Special Education and Early Learning (OSEEL) aims to improve educational outcomes for diverse and early learners through effective support, technical assistance, guidance, training and coaching for local school districts, students, and families regarding the implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Gifted and Talented, and preschool.



OSEEL Mission

The mission of OSEEL is to improve educational outcomes for diverse students and early learners through effective support, technical assistance, training / coaching, and guidance.



OSEEL Goals

- ▶ Improving Instruction and Discipline Practices for Students with Disabilities
- ▶ Improving the Communication and Dissemination of Information
- ▶ Bridging Supports from Kindergarten to Preschool
- ▶ Fostering Family and Community Engagement
- ▶ Recruiting and Retaining High Quality Staff

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